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GRIZZLY BASKETBALL TEAM ON ROAD
TO PLAY NAU, NEVADA-RENO

MISSOULA --

"If we're going to challenge for the Big Sky Conference title we almost have to sweep this weekend," said University of Montana's third-year basketball coach Mike Montgomery.

Montgomery takes his 12-7 (5-2 in conference) Grizzly team to Flagstaff, Thursday, Feb. 5, and then on to Reno to play the Wolf Pack, Saturday, Feb. 7.

"Thursday is a really key game for us, we feel," said Montgomery. "We've got to get a win against Northern Arizona and then see what happens in Reno. Both teams gave us good games at home."

NAU is now 7-11 overall, and 1-6 in the Big Sky, after losses to the University of Idaho (72-61) and Boise State (64-56) last week. The struggling Lumberjacks have lost nine of their last 11 games. Montana defeated them 77-65 at home earlier this season. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. (MST).

Coach Joedy Gardner's NAU team is led by guard Elliot "Dinky" Jones, who averages 16.7 points a game, and is one of the top scorers in the conference. NAU has two other scorers in double figures in guard Joedy P. Gardner (10.9), the coaches' son, and Ted Hettinga (10.8). Hettinga, a 6-7 forward, leads NAU in rebounding with a 7.6 average.

Coach Sonny Allen's Reno team is currently 8-12 overall and 2-6 in the Big Sky after losses to Idaho (81-76) and Boise State (57-55). Reno has lost four of its last six games. Reno will host Montana State Thursday and the Grizzlies Saturday.

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Tipoff is at 7 p.m. (MST).

The Wolf Pack's leading scorer is guard James "BB" Fontenet, who is averaging 15.2 points a game. The teams' leading rebounder is 6-8 center Greg Palm (10.6).

Palm, a 6-8 junior, is 60 of 80 from the field in the Big Sky, for a lofty 75 percent. Reno is outrebounding its opponents 41.4 to 36.0, although it has 66 more turnovers than opponents.

Montana's top scorer is senior guard Craig Zanon, who is averaging 16.4 points a game. Zanon is one of the conference leaders in scoring, field goal percentage (57.1), free throw percentage (82.1) and is the Grizzlies No. 11 career scorer with 917 points.

Forward Rod Brandon leads the Grizzlies in rebounding with 93, and is averaging 5.2 per game. Guard Blaine Taylor leads the squad in assists with 53.

Tentative opponents' starters with scoring and rebounding averages:

N. ARIZONA (7-11, 1-6)

RENO (8-12, 2-6)

G-Dinky Jones, 6-3, Jr. (16.7, 3.1)

G-James Fontenet, 6-2, Jr (15.2, 2.6)

G-Joedy Gardner, 6-4, So (10.9, 3.3)

G-Rick Gosse, 6-4, Fr (5.1, 1.3)

C-Dan Busch, 7-0, So (5.8, 3.4)

C-Greg Palm, 6-8, Jr (16.6, 10.6)

F-Ted Hettinga, 6-7, Jr (10.8, 7.6)

F-Tony Balogun, 6-5, Jr (2.5, 3.5)

F-Willie Young, 6-5, Sr (9.6, 4.9)

F-Eddie Johnson, 6-6, Sr (12.2, 6.6)

COACH: JOEDY GARDNER, 93-90 in 6+ years

COACH: SONNY ALLEN, 8-12 in 1st year

The Grizzlies can be heard on KYLT Radio, with Grizzly Bill Schwanke's pregame report starting 15 minutes prior to tipoff.

The team will be staying at the Ramada in Flagstaff and at the Holiday Inn-South in Reno.

Next week Montana will host Idaho State and Weber State.

1980-81 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA BASKETBALL STATISTICS-19 GAMES
(12-7 overall, 5-2 Big Sky/7-4 Home, 5-3 Road)

PLAYER	G-S	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA-Pct.	FT-FTA-Pct	REB-Avg	AST-Avg	PF-D	TO-Avg	POINTS-Avg	HI
Craig Zanon	19-19	606.5-31.9	105-184-.571	101-123-.821	81-4.3	40-2.1	54-2	47-2.5	311-16.4	26
Blaine Taylor	14-13	369.5-26.4	43-115-.374	17-22-.773	13-0.9	53-3.8	31-0	29-2.1	103-7.4	18
Marc Glass	19-6	466.0-24.5	53-109-.486	35-44-.795	25-1.2	34-1.8	35-0	47-2.5	141-7.4	18
Rod Brandon	18-18	487.5-27.1	51-92-.554	22-38-.579	93-5.2	37-2.1	63-4	22-1.1	124-6.9	15
Craig Larsen	19-11	404.0-21.2	46-95-.484	35-51-.686	66-3.5	14-0.7	38-0	16-0.6	127-6.7	18
Derrick Pope	17-11	367.0-21.6	41-73-.562	24-35-.686	64-3.8	16-0.9	32-0	36-2.1	106-6.2	16
Marty Green	19-10	405.0-21.3	34-92-.370	29-50-.580	73-3.8	13-0.6	43-0	23-1.2	97-5.1	16
Tim Knight	18-4	276.5-15.4	25-52-.481	18-25-.720	60-3.3	9-0.5	21-0	13-0.6	68-3.8	9
Doug Selvig	15-1	227.5-15.1	21-53-.396	9-11-.818	27-1.8	26-1.7	10-0	14-0.9	51-3.4	8
Rob Hurley	8-0	73.5-9.2	7-13-.538	13-19-.684	16-2.0	5-0.6	4-0	2-0.3	27-3.4	7
Brian Morris	12-0	116.0-9.7	12-29-.414	11-14-.786	7-0.6	10-0.8	9-0	12-1.0	35-2.9	10
Ron Brumfield	4-0	22.5-5.6	2- 6-.333	2- 3-.667	4-1.0	0-0.00	2-0	0-0.00	6-1.5	5
"DJ" Johnson	5-0	24.0-4.8	1- 5-.200	1- 3-.333	3-0.6	4-0.8	5-0	11-2.2	3-0.6	2

UM TEAM REBOUNDS: 82

OPP. TEAM REBOUNDS: 81

MONTANA	19	3730	441-918-.480	317-438-.724	641-33.7	264-13.9	343-6	272-14.3	1199-63.1	96
OPPONENTS	19	3730	446-968-.461	228-326-.700	576-30.3	260-13.7	397-17	279-14.7	1120-58.9	77

STEALS (118): Taylor 23, Brandon 21, Glass 19, Zanon 16, Pope 10, Selvig 5, Green 5, Knight 4, Morris 4, Hurley 3, Johnson 3, Larsen 3, Brumfield 1. OPPONENTS STEALS: 121

BLOCKS (50): Larsen 19, Green 10, Pope 6, Brandon 3, Taylor 3, Zanon 2, Knight 3, Glass 2, Brumfield 1. OPPONENTS BLOCKS: 47

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: Montana 27, Opponents 24. NOTE: REBOUND TOTAL INCLUDES TEAM AND DEADBALL REBOUNDS

GRIZZLY GAME-BY-GAME HIGH SCORERS/REBOUNDERS

<u>W-L</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>UM-OPP</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>TOP UM SCORER</u>	<u>TOP UM REBOUNDER</u>
1-0	W. Washington	74-55	Missoula	7,265	Zanon-----20	Green, Knight-10
1-1	San Jose State	49-50	Missoula	7,058	Zanon-----20	Zanon-----6
2-1	Portland State	96-74	Portland	400	Taylor-----18	Three with-----7
2-2	Puget Sound	59-68	Missoula	7,862	Zanon,Green-16	Zanon-----7
3-2	N. Colorado	71-52	Greeley	242	Pope-----16	Larsen-----8
4-2	Chico State	64-55	Missoula	6,830	Taylor-----10	Three with-----4
5-2	E. Washington	78-60	Missoula	6,030	Zanon-----22	Green-----8
6-2	#Maine-Orono	59-58	Missoula	2,800	Glass-----16	Brandon-----6
6-3	#Gonzaga	57-59	Missoula	3,500	Zanon-----17	Green-----6
6-4	Nebraska	46-69	Lincoln	3,571	Zanon-----13	Green-----7
7-4	¢Eastern Montana	58-44	Billings	5,625	Zanon-----20	Brandon-----8
7-5	¢Cal-Irvine	63-65, ot	Billings	4,673	Zanon-----20	Brandon-----7
8-5	Nevada-Reno *	81-77	Missoula	7,742	Zanon-----26	Brandon-----12
9-5	N. Arizona *	77-65	Missoula	8,375	Zanon-----22	Pope-----9
10-5	Weber State *	69-62	Ogden	6,122	Zanon-----14	Pope, Brandon--6
11-5	Idaho State *	53-49	Pocatello	5,662	Zanon-----17	Brandon, Zanon-8
11-6	Idaho *	44-47,ot	Missoula	9,323	Zanon-----17	Three with-----5
12-6	Boise State *	47-40	Missoula	7,197	Brandon-----13	Zanon,Brandon--4
5-2	Montana St. *	54-71	Bozeman	8,151	Glass-----15	Pope, Knight---6

*Big Sky game

#Champion Holiday Classic

¢KOA Classic

1980-81 University of Montana Big Sky Basketball Statistics

(5-2 Big Sky/3-1 Home, 2-1 Road)

PLAYER	G-S	MIN-Avg	FG-FGA-Pct	FT-FTA-Pct	REB-AVG	AST-AVG	PF-D	TO-Avg	PTS-Avg	High
Craig Zanon	7-7	233.5-33.4	36-74-.486	40-54-.741	32-4.6	16-2.2	20-2	15-2.1	112-26.0	26
Rod Brandon	7-7	197.0-28.1	27-41-.658	15-22-.682	43-6.1	14-2.0	31-2	10-1.3	69-19.9	15
Marc Glass	7-2	205.5-29.4	24-53-.453	14-19-.737	9-1.2	14-2.4	12-0	11-1.6	62- 8.9	15
Craig Larsen	7-3	157.5-22.5	16-35-.457	16-24-.667	23-3.2	6-0.9	11-0	6-0.9	48- 6.9	14
Blaine Taylor	7-6	188.5-27.6	13-50-.260	9- 9-1.000	6-0.9	21-3.0	16-0	9-1.1	35- 5.0	18
Derrick Pope	7-5	169.5-24.2	15-30-.500	9-14-.643	38-5.4	7-0.9	12-0	18-2.6	39- 5.6	10
Marty Green	7-5	116.0-16.6	7-25-.280	12-29-.632	13-1.9	5-0.8	12-0	7-1.0	26- 3.7	6
Tim Knight	6-0	79.0-13.2	7-14-.500	4- 6-.667	19-3.2	3-0.5	5-0	7-1.1	18- 3.0	6
Doug Selvig	4-0	49.0-12.3	3- 6-.500	4- 4-1.000	5-1.2	3-0.8	4-0	3-0.8	10- 2.5	6
Brian Morris	3-0	31.0-10.3	2- 6-.333	2- 2-1.000	2-0.7	0-0.0	1-0	2-0.7	6- 2.0	4

UM TEAM REBOUNDS: 35

OPP. TEAM REBOUNDS: 32

MONTANA	7	805	150-334-.449	125-173-.723	234-33.4*	88-12.6	124-4	90-12.9	425-60.7	81
OPPONENTS	7	805	164-328-.500	83-121-.686	195-27.9*	98-14.0	155-5	96-13.7	411-58.7	77

STEALS: (37) Taylor 10, Brandon 7, Glass 7, Zanon 4, Pope 4, Larsen 2, Knight 1, Green 1, Morris 1, Opponents Steals: (34)
BLOCKS: (19) Larsen 9, Green 3, Pope 4, Knight 1, Glass 1, Taylor 1, Opponents Blocks: (21)

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: MONTANA 9, OPPONENTS 4

*DEAD BALL REBOUNDS INCLUDED IN TOTALS

W-L	OPPONENT	UM-OPP	Site	ATT.	Top UM SCORER	TOP UM REBOUNDER
1-0	Reno	81-77	Missoula	7,742	Zanon.....26	Brandon.....12
2-0	N. Ariz.	77-65	Missoula	8,375	Zanon.....22	Pope.....9
3-0	Weber St.	69-62	Ogden	6,122	Zanon.....14	Brandon,Pope...6
4-0	Idaho St.	53-49	Pocatello	5,662	Zanon.....17	Zanon, Brandon.8
4-1	Idaho	44-47(ot)	Missoula	9,323	Zanon.....17	Threewith.....5
5-1	Boise St.	47-40	Missoula	7,197	Brandon....13	Brandon, Zanon.4
5-2	Montana St.	54-71	Bozeman	8,151	Glass.....15	Pope, Knight...6